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Applicant : Craig L. Ogg, et al. Confirmation No. 9478  
Application No. : 09/651,389  
Filed : August 29, 2000  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRINTING INDICIA, LOGOS AND GRAPHICS ONTO PRINT MEDIA

Grp./Div. : 2622  
Examiner : Twyler Marie Lamb

Docket No. : 40275/SAH/S850

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Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	22	*23	0	0 x \$25.00	0 x \$50.00	0
Independent Claims	4	** 4	0	0 x \$100.00	0 x \$200.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$180.00	\$360.00	0
TOTAL FILING FEE						0
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					0
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 5, 8 and 17						
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME **** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS"						

X Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.  
A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.

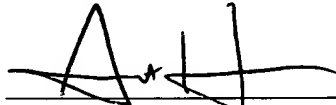
**Amendment Transmittal Letter**  
**Application No. 09/651,389**

\_\_\_\_\_ Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner:

Claims 1-5 and 7-23 are pending in the subject application. In the Office action of June 16, 2004, the Examiner rejected all of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davis et al., U.S. Patent 5,825,996 ("Davis") in view of Miller et al., U.S. Patent 6,461,063 ("Miller"). Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and the application allowed.

According to 35 U.S.C. Section 103(c):

Subject matter developed by another person,  
which qualifies as prior art only under one  
or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of

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section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Here, the subject matter of the Miller reference may qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), if it is prior art at all. The subject matter of the Miller reference and the claimed invention were either owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Stamps.com, Inc., Santa Monica, California, at the time the invention was made. Accordingly, the subject matter of Miller is not available under Section 103(a) to preclude patentability of the claimed invention, and the rejection of claim 3 should be withdrawn.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request allowance of pending claims 1-5 and 7-23, and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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